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# AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the section of the specification entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS". Amendments are shown on the enclosed marked-up pages.

Pursuant to 37 CFR  $\S$  1.121, replacement pages showing the amended section in clean form are also enclosed herewith.

#### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to issuance of the first Office Action is respectfully solicited. These amendments are intended to place the application in better form for consideration by the Examiner.

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Encl: Marked-Up Amended Specification Section
Clean/Replacement Specification Section

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 2 is a diagram of an analysis center work flow according to the first and  $\alpha$  eighth embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 3 is a diagramFigs. 3A and 3B are diagrams of booking tables provided in the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 4 is a diagram of a display screen announcing the business contents of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 5 is a diagram of a display screen announcing the booking registration status of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 6 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 7 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a second and a tenth embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 8 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a third embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 9 is a diagram of an industrial complex system including virtual centers according to other embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 10 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 11 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a fifth and a ninth embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 12 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a sixth embodiment of the present invention;

- Fig. 13 is a diagram of booking tables according to the sixth and the eight embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 14 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure according to the sixth and the eighth embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 15 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a seventh embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 16 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to the eighth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 17 is a diagramFigs. 17A and 17B are diagrams of booking tables of an analyzer according to the eighth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 18 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure of an analyzer according to the eight embodiment of the present invention.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 2 is a diagram of an analysis center work flow according to the first and eighth embodiments of the present invention;
- Figs. 3A and 3B are diagrams of booking tables provided in the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 4 is a diagram of a display screen announcing the business contents of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 5 is a diagram of a display screen announcing the booking registration status of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention:
- Fig. 6 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure of the analysis center according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 7 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a second and a tenth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 8 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a third embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 9 is a diagram of an industrial complex system including virtual centers according to other embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 10 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 11 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a fifth and a ninth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 12 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a sixth embodiment of the present invention;

- Fig. 13 is a diagram of booking tables according to the sixth and the eight embodiments of the present invention:
- Fig. 14 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure according to the sixth and the eighth embodiments of the present invention;
- Fig. 15 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to a seventh embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 16 is a diagram of an industrial complex system according to the eighth embodiment of the present invention;
- Figs. 17A and 17B are diagrams of booking tables of an analyzer according to the eighth embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 18 is a flow diagram of a booking procedure of an analyzer according to the eight embodiment of the present invention.